

Abstract

A top menu is configured to provide information about chapters contained in a recording medium when it is finalized. From an optical disk as a recording medium, a title retrieval section 310 reads title information about each title of motion picture data recorded on the optical disk. A chapter retrieval section 320 reads chapter information about each chapter in the corresponding title based on the title information obtained in this manner. Based on the chapter information obtained in this manner, a representative picture selection section 340 selects a representative picture in each chapter. A menu generation section 350 generates the top menu including a display area to reproduce chapters based on the chapter information obtained by the chapter retrieval section 320.